

REPORT

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TO: Administration Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: MOU With Kern County Airports to Participate in SCAG's Regional Airport Demand Model Development Project.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize staff to enter into an MOU with Kern County Airports; amend the existing SH&E contract; and make appropriate amendments to the agency budget and Overall Work Program (OWP).

BACKGROUND:

SCAG has contracted with SH&E to develop an Airport Demand Model for the SCAG Region. The goal of this effort is to develop a comprehensive airport model capable of forecasting air passenger travel demand and airport utilization. The Model will allocate the future demand to the Region's Airport system based on an airport's operational characteristics and the transportation ground access system. SCAG will use the Airport Model for aviation and ground transportation planning.

Given the considerable overlap and interaction between Kern County's and SCAG's air passenger markets, the inclusion of Kern County into the Model will benefit the airport planning efforts of both Regions. SCAG Staff contacted Kern County Airports to determine their level of interest in joining the project. The Kern County Airports agreed to join the effort and will pay \$50,000 to SCAG for their proportional share of the costs to add Kern County. To accept the additional funding, SCAG agrees to enter into a MOU with Kern County Airports, amend the existing SH&E contract; and make appropriate amendments to the agency budget and Overall Work Program (OWP).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Kern County Airports will pay SCAG \$50,000 to cover the costs of adding Kern County into the Regional Airport Demand Model. The funds will cover the proportional costs to develop the various model components and to create the model inputs for Kern County. SCAG's funding and staff costs to manage the project are budgeted in the FY 2003-2004 Overall Work Plan.